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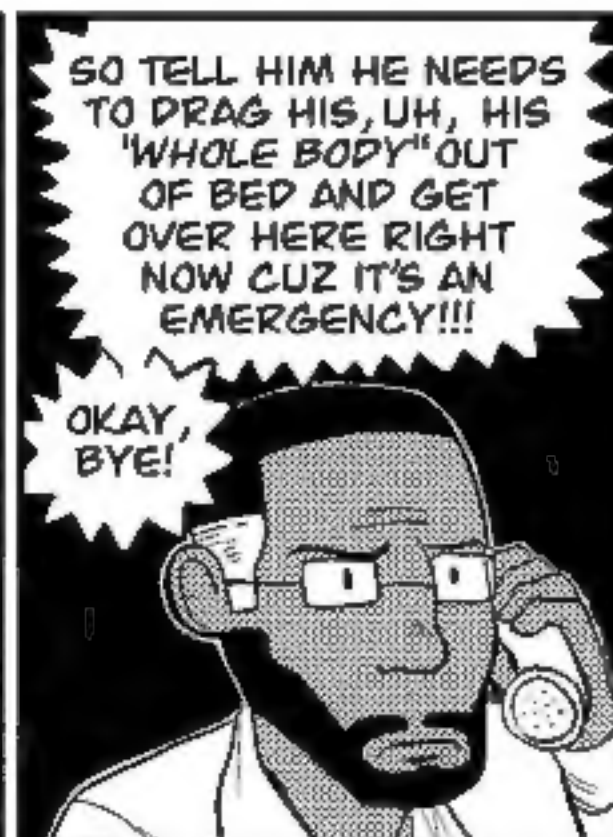


MONSTER  
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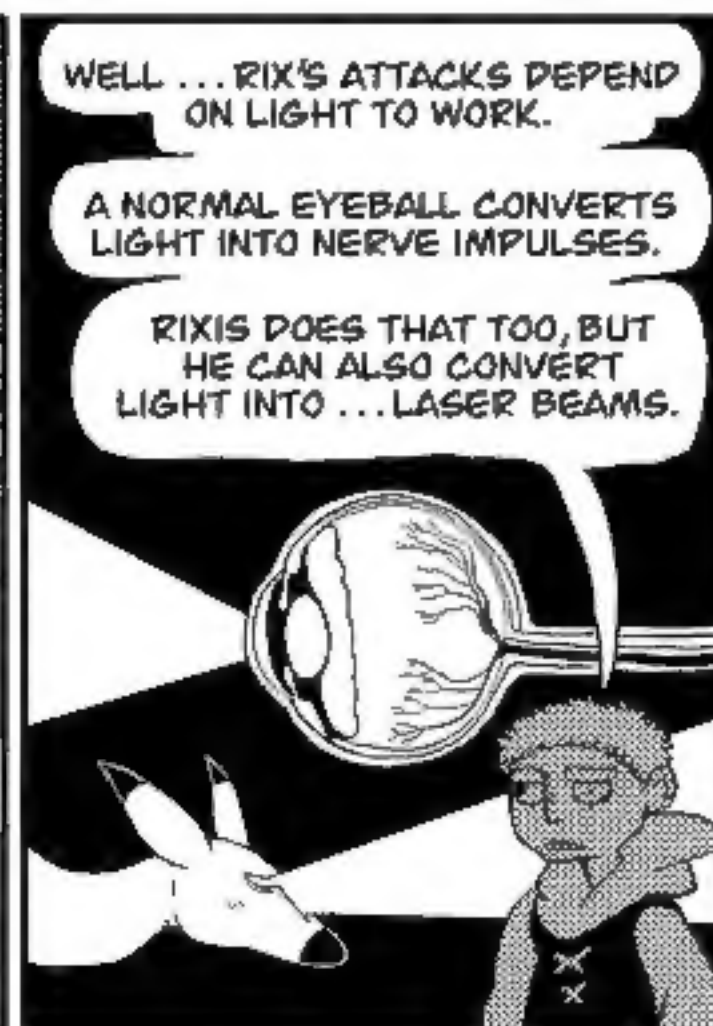


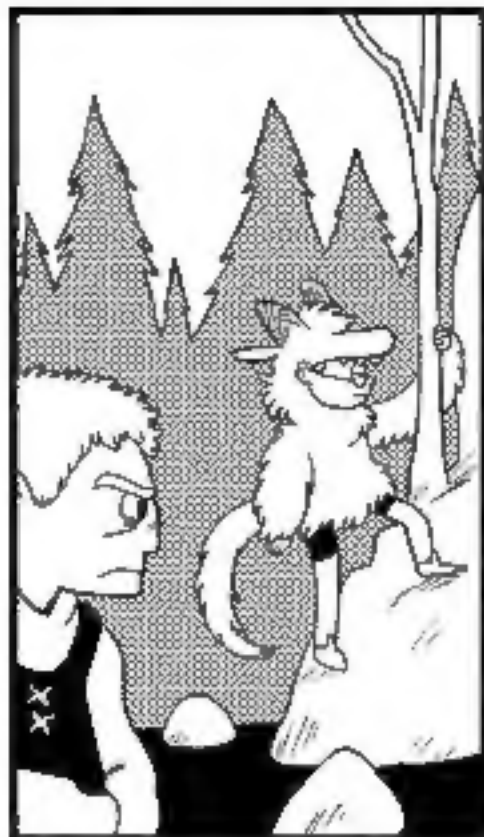




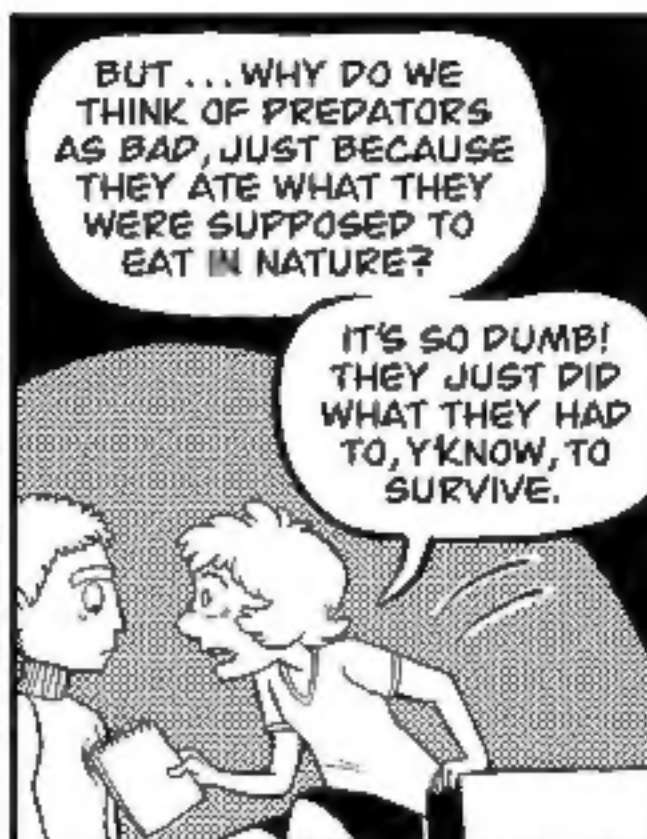




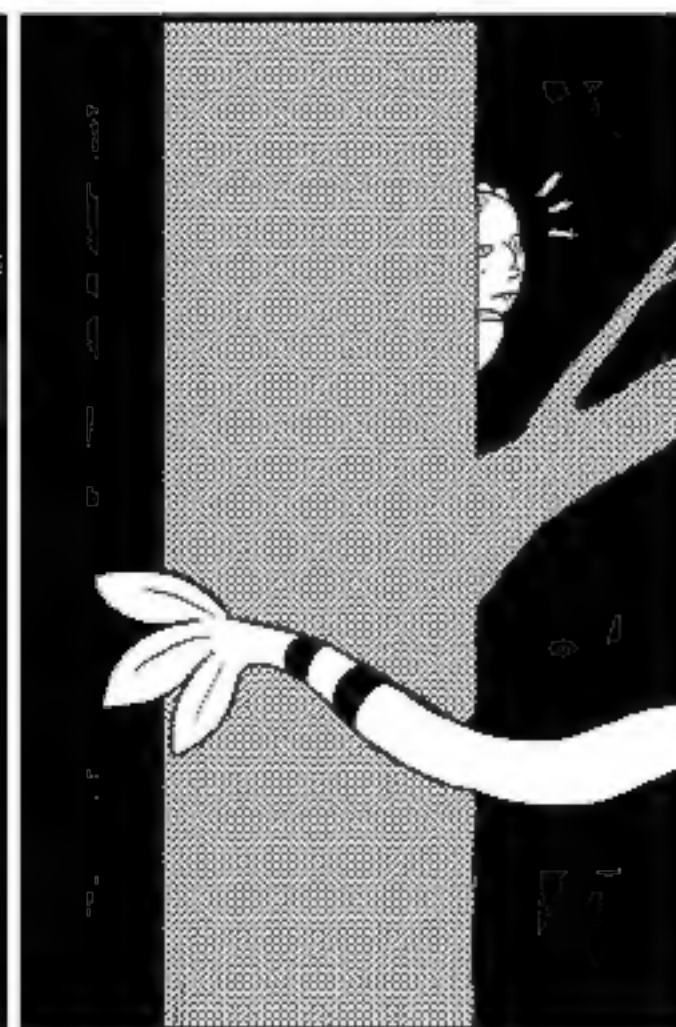




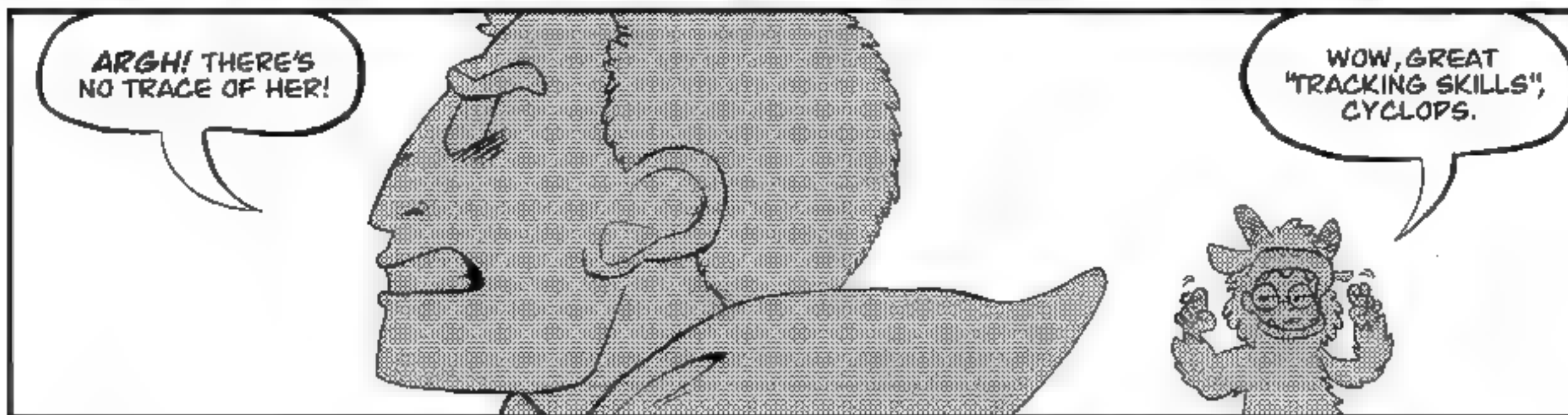
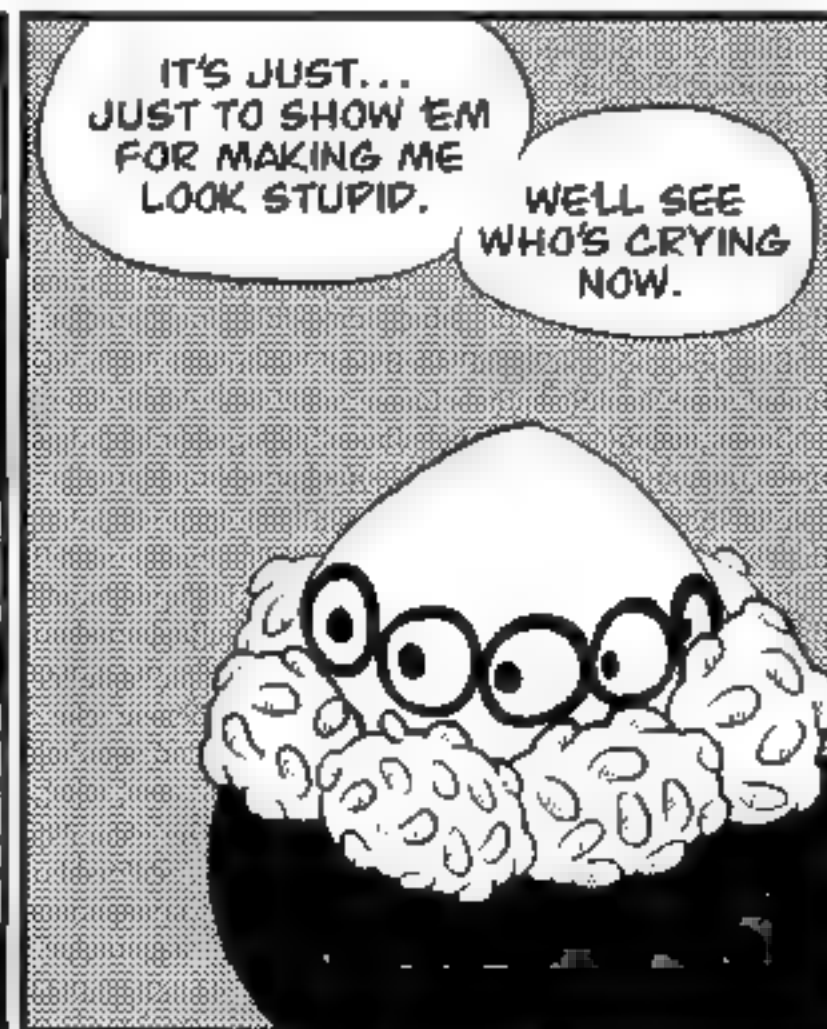








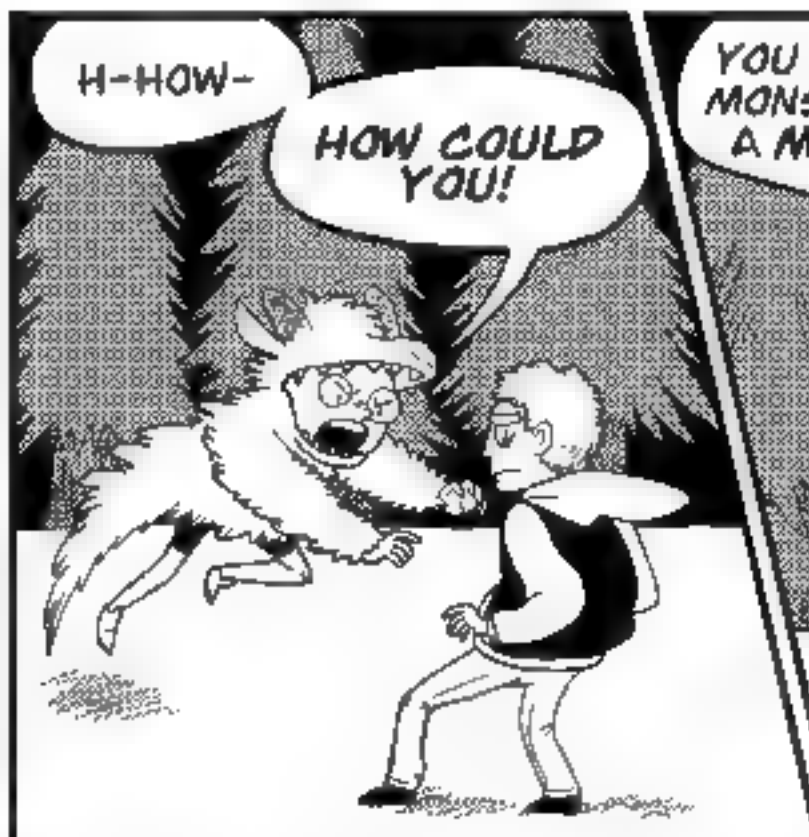














I HATE THAT-  
I HATE THAT SHE  
LIKES YOU BETTER  
THAN ME!



WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?!  
BINA? YOU JUST SAID  
SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME!

YOU'RE ACTING  
CRAZY!



SHUT UP! DON'T  
TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!  
I MEAN AS A FRIEND!

SHE ALWAYS LISTENS  
TO EVERYTHING YOU SAY-  
SHE THINKS YOU'RE SO  
SPECIAL! BUT YOU'RE NOT!

LOOK AT YOU!  
YOU DON'T DESERVE IT.  
YOU'RE THE WORST-  
BUT- BUT SHE STILL-

WITH ME, IT'S LIKE  
I'M ALWAYS BUGGING  
HER! SHE DOESN'T CARE!



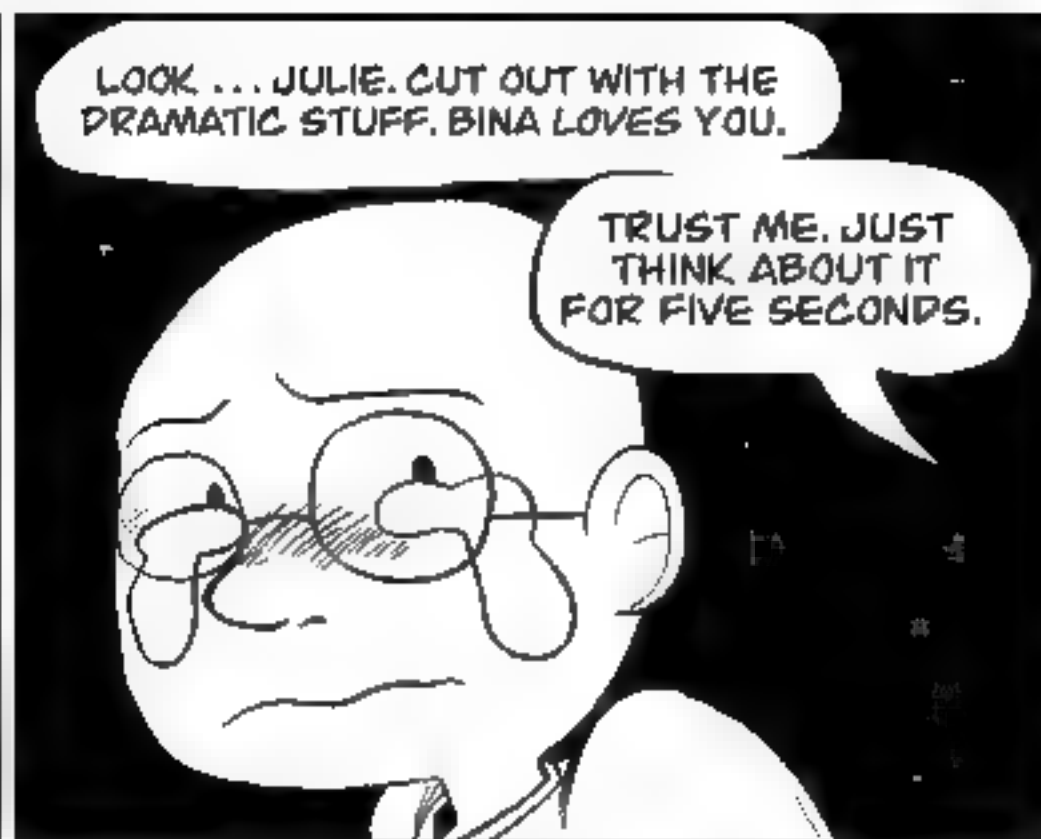
SHE JUST PUTS UP WITH ME. LIKE  
AN ANNOYING SISTER. AND IT'S  
N-NOT FAIR. I MET HER  
FIRST. I HELPED HER.

IS IT... IS IT BECAUSE  
OF WHAT YOU SAID? SHE  
THINKS I DON'T CARE  
ABOUT KERA?



CUZ I WOULDN'T BE OKAY  
IF ANYTHING HAPPENED  
TO KERA. LIKE, AT ALL.

I DIDN'T ... MEAN  
IT LIKE THAT...



LOOK ... JULIE. CUT OUT WITH THE  
DRAMATIC STUFF. BINA LOVES YOU.

TRUST ME. JUST  
THINK ABOUT IT  
FOR FIVE SECONDS.





MAYBE...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, ANYWAY. BINA WILL HATE ME WHEN SHE FINDS OUT WHAT I DID.

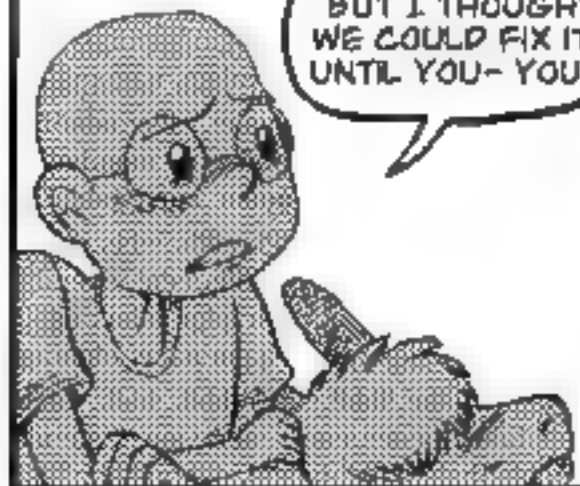
AND MAYBE ... SHE SHOULD.



ABEL ... I MESSED UP TOO. I WAS PLAYING AROUND AND I MADE IT ALL GO BAD AND ... AND I'M SORRY.

I REALLY AM.

BUT I THOUGHT WE COULD FIX IT- UNTIL YOU- YOU-



I MEAN- EVEN IF WE MOVED THE GIRL BEFORE SHE'D STABILIZED, SHE MIGHT'VE GOT MESSED UP, BUT SHE WOULDN'T DIE.

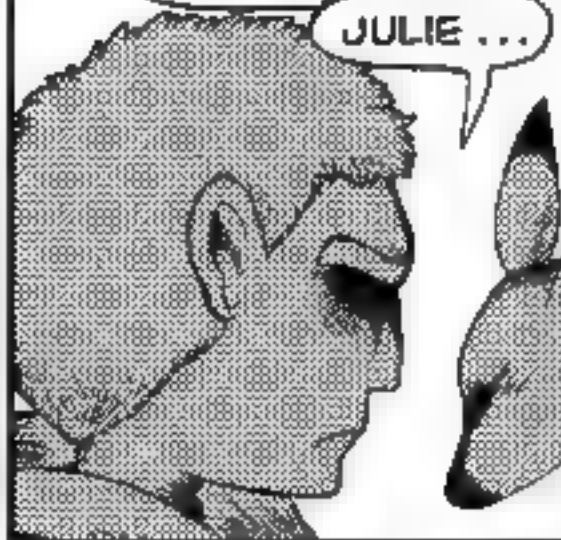
I'VE BEEN CAUGHT BY SHELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THEY ONLY NEED TO DO THE FAST-STABILIZE THING IF IT'S A PART YOU CAN'T LIVE LONG WITHOUT.



WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT? I SCREWED UP, BUT-

I COULD'VE FIXED IT. BUT NOW I CAN'T, EVER, AND I DON'T GET WHY YOU DID IT.

JULIE ...



EVEN IF BINA DOES HATE ME ... I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE, AND YOU CAN'T MAKE ME.

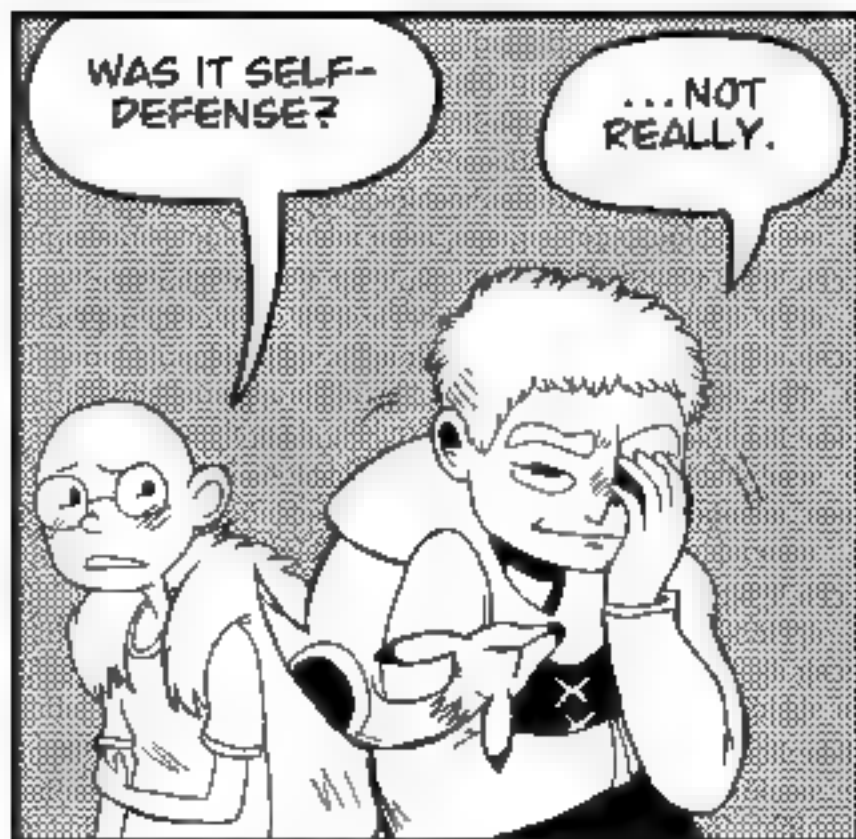
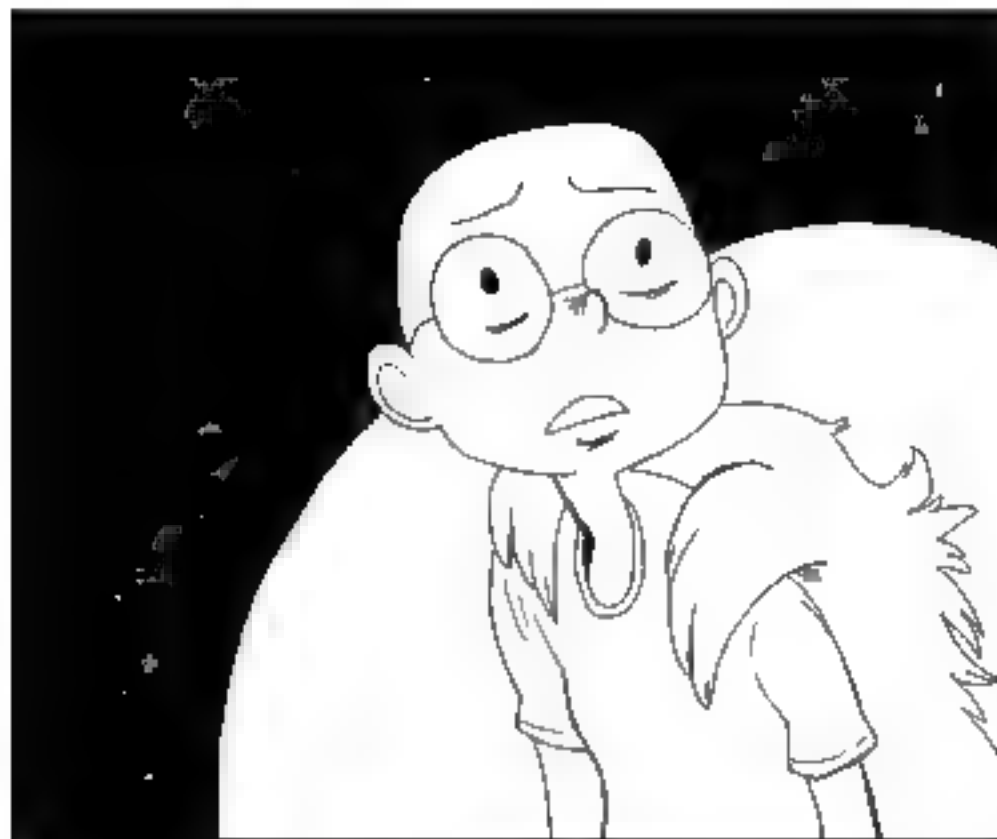
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I WANT TO STAY.









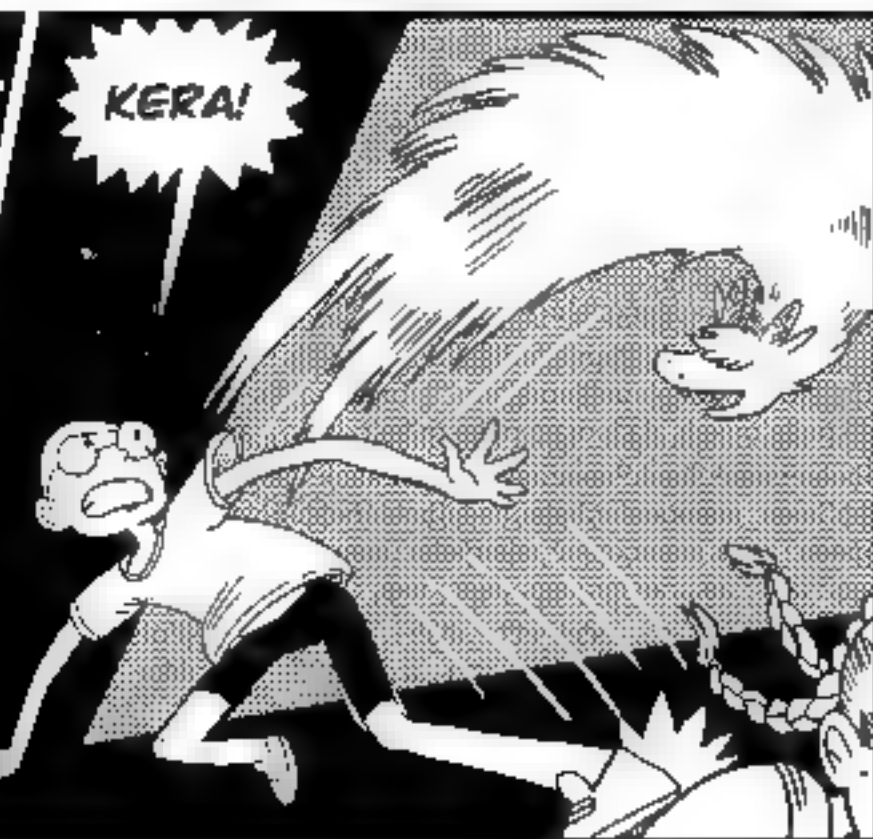
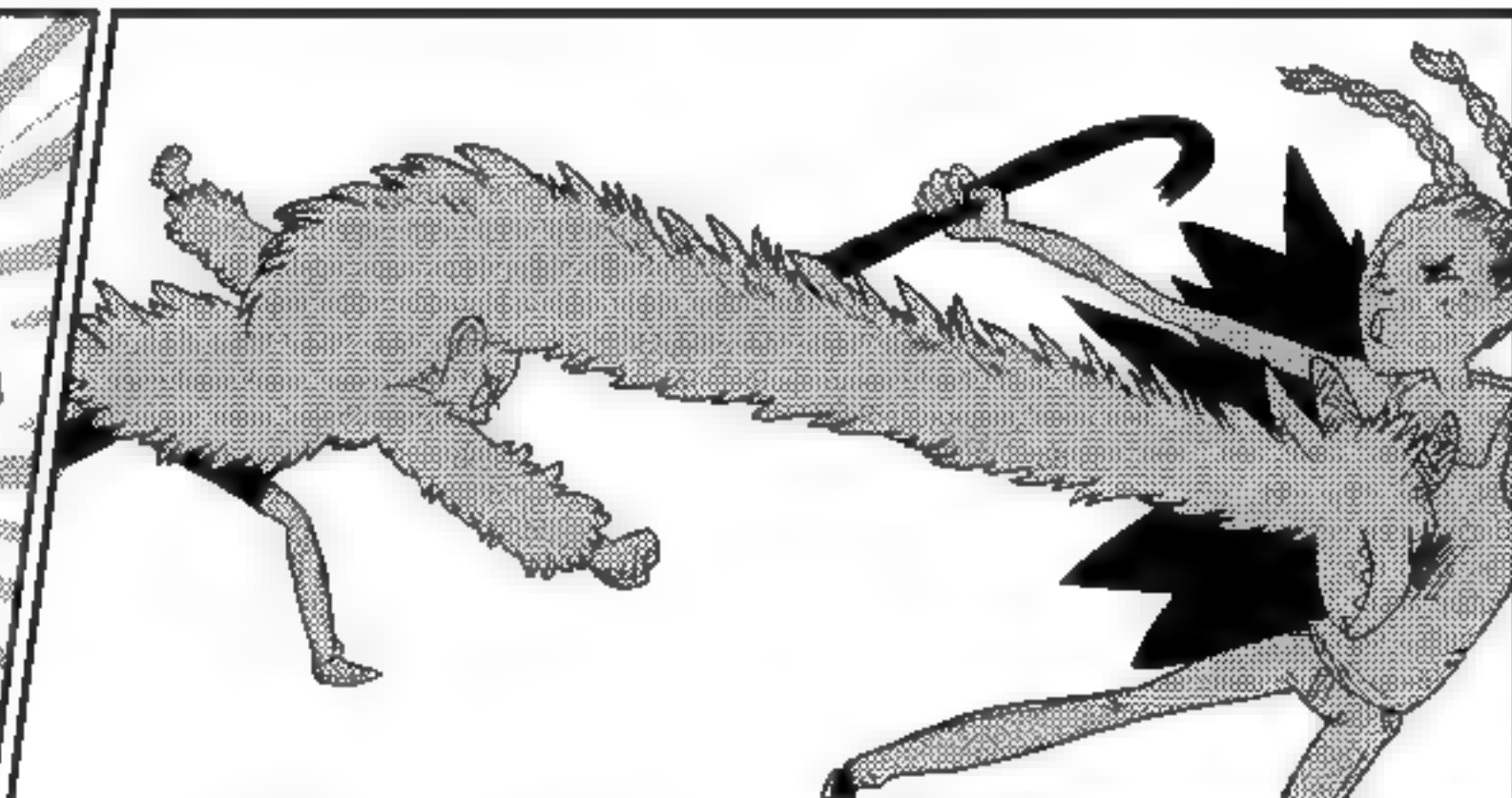














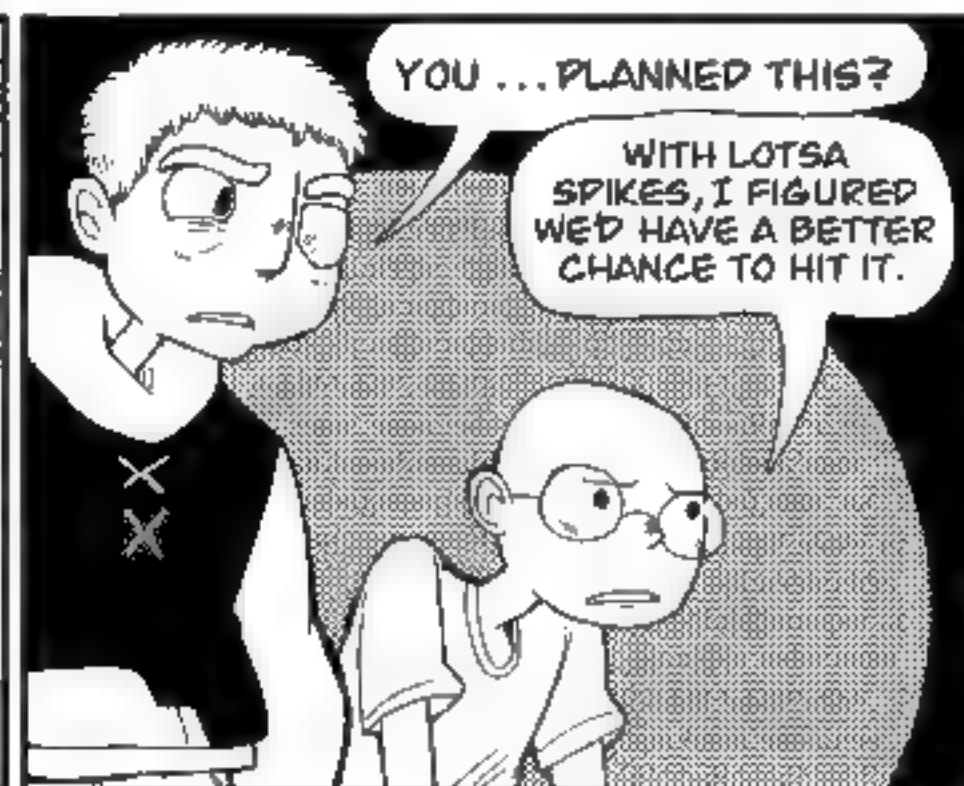
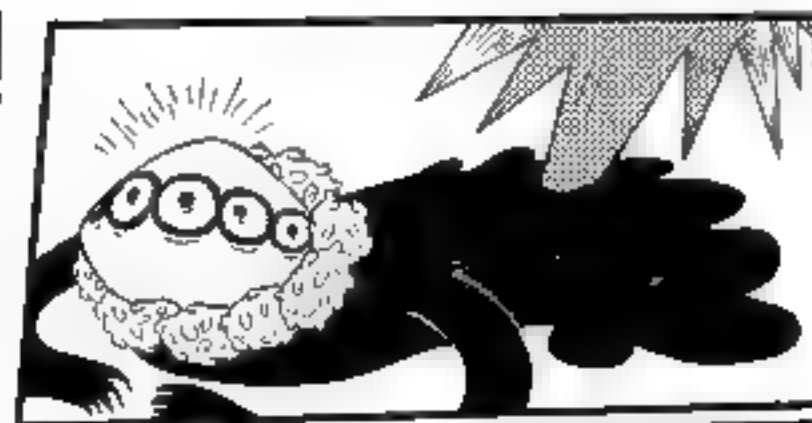
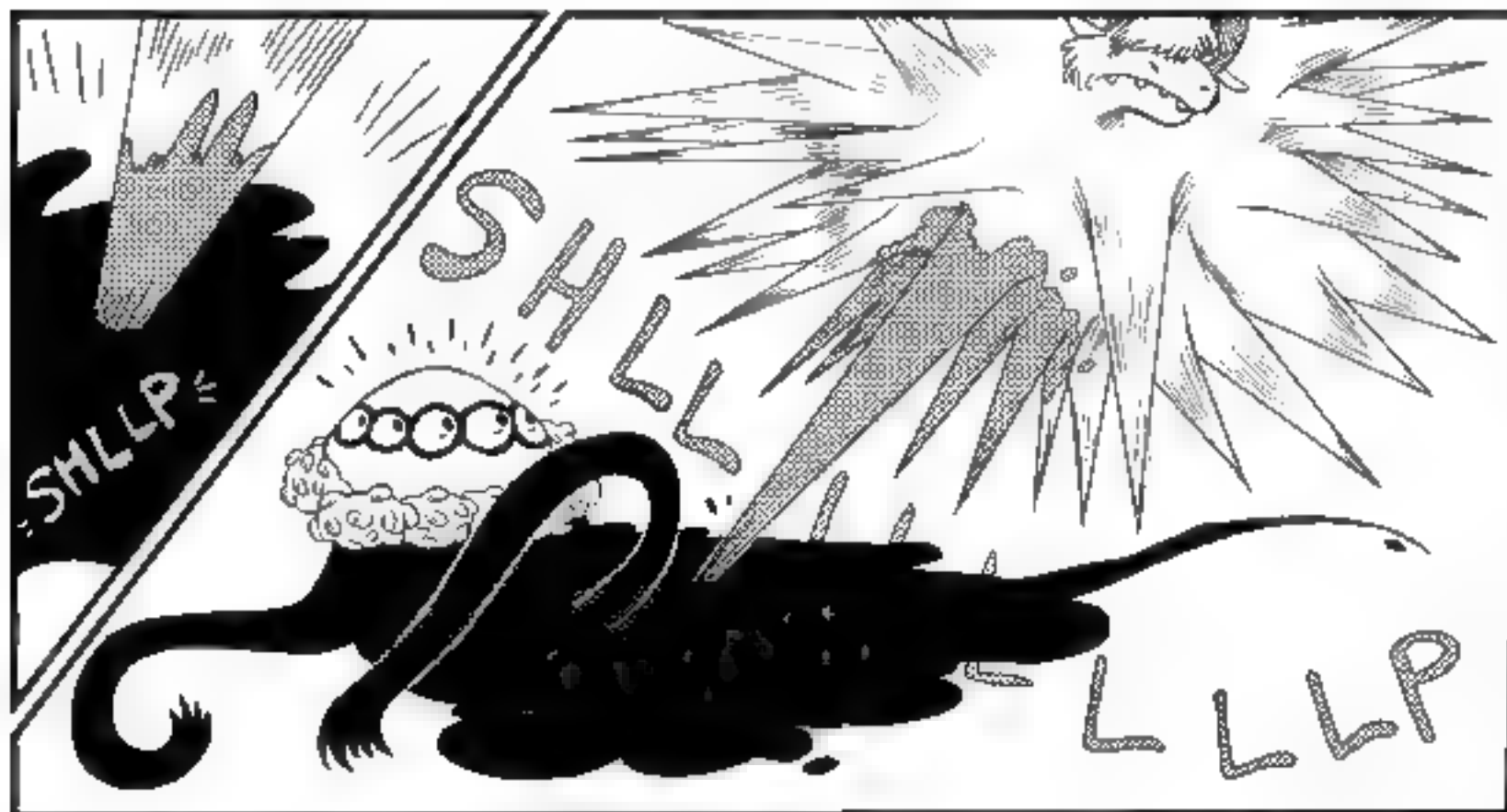
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!  
KERA! USE HAIRCUT!

I CAN'T TELL IF  
YOU'RE TRYING  
TO MESS WITH ME,  
OR JUST CRAZY.

HA! GOOD JOB TRYING  
TO STAB A LIQUID,  
YOU IDIOT!

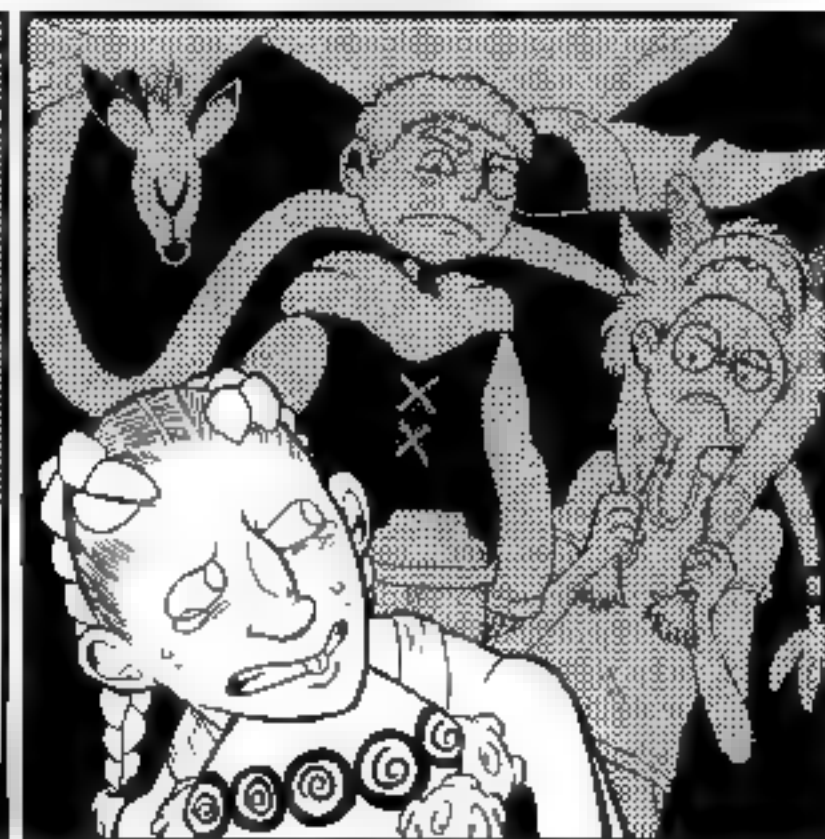
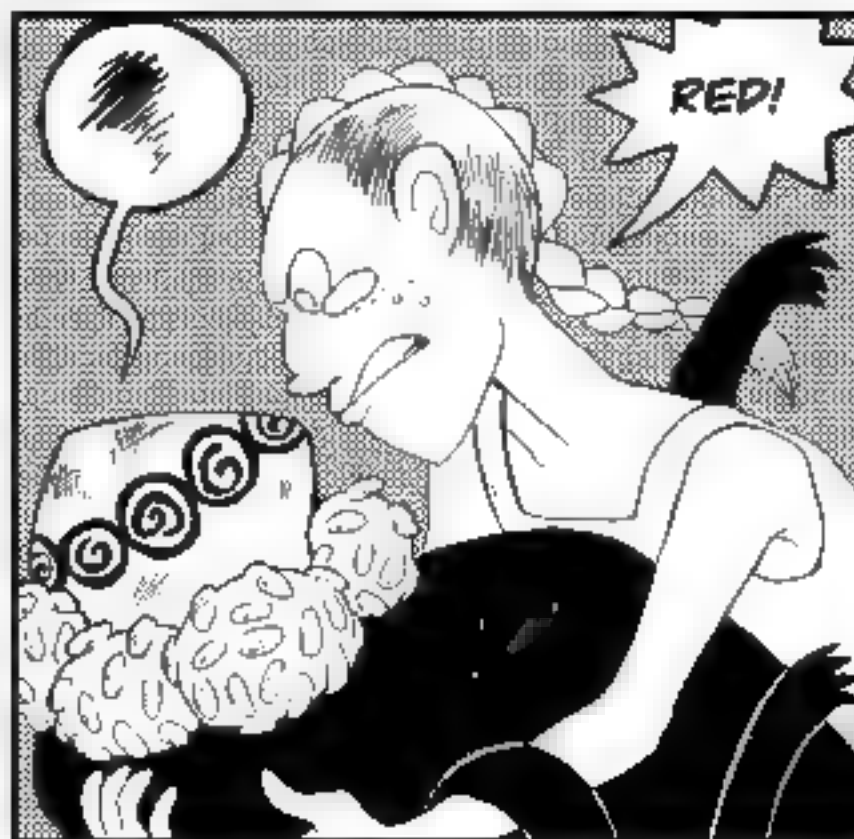
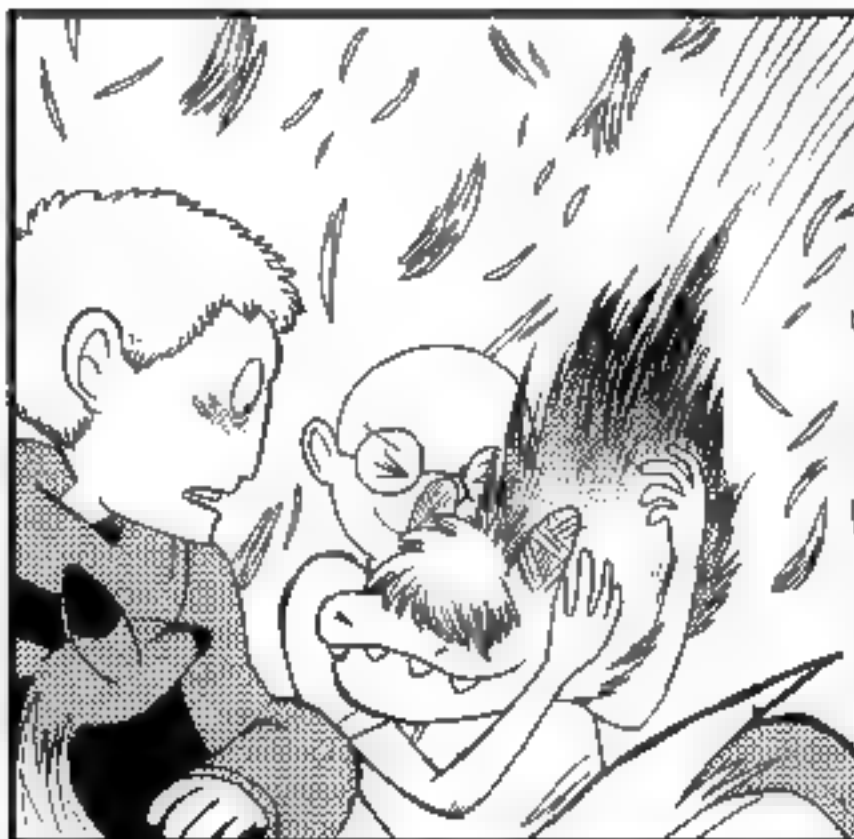
DID YOU REALLY THINK  
THAT WOULD WORK, OR ARE  
YOU JUST GETTING DESPERATE?

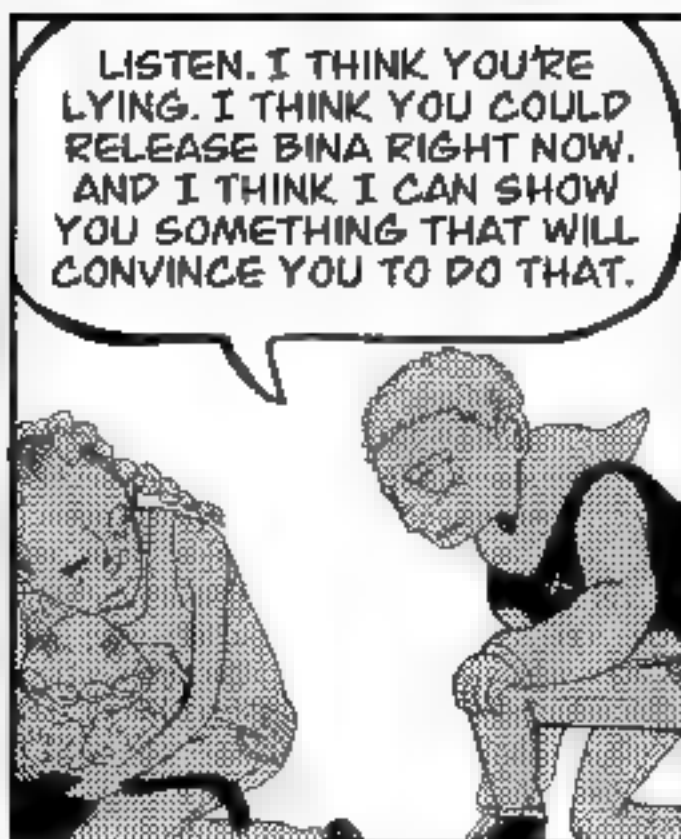
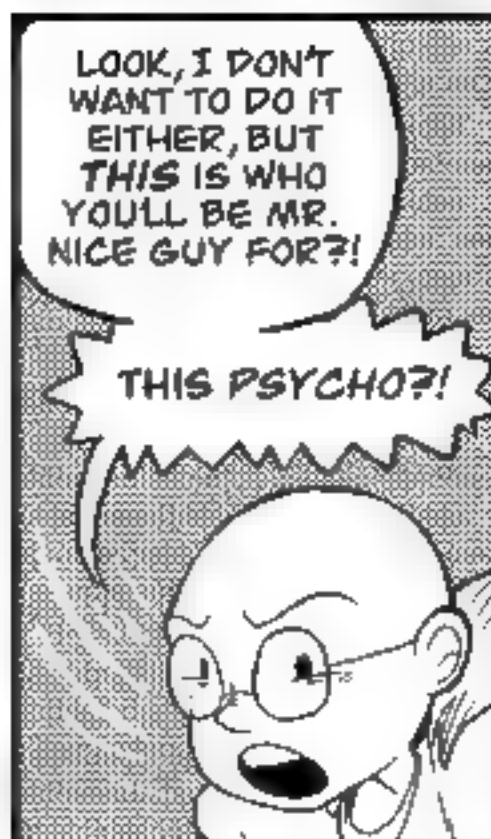




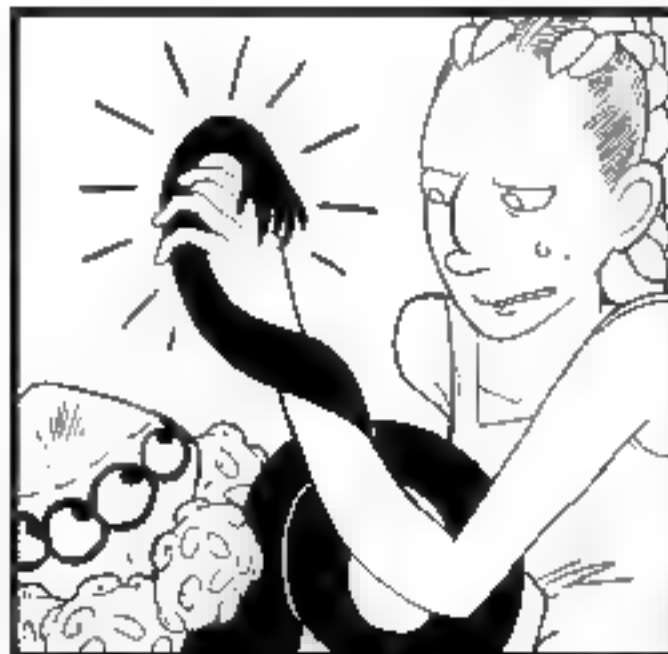


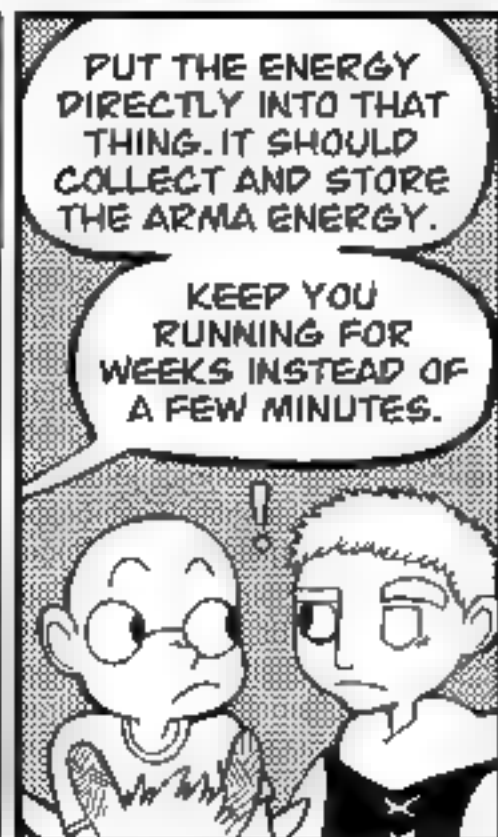
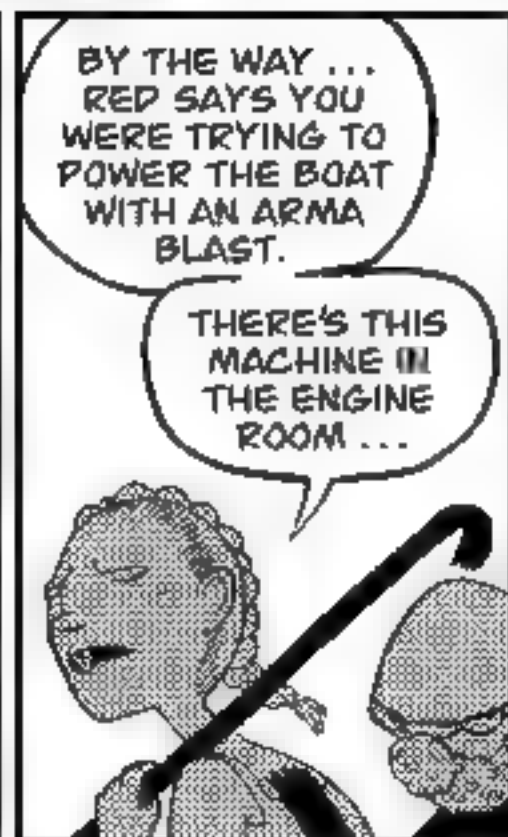




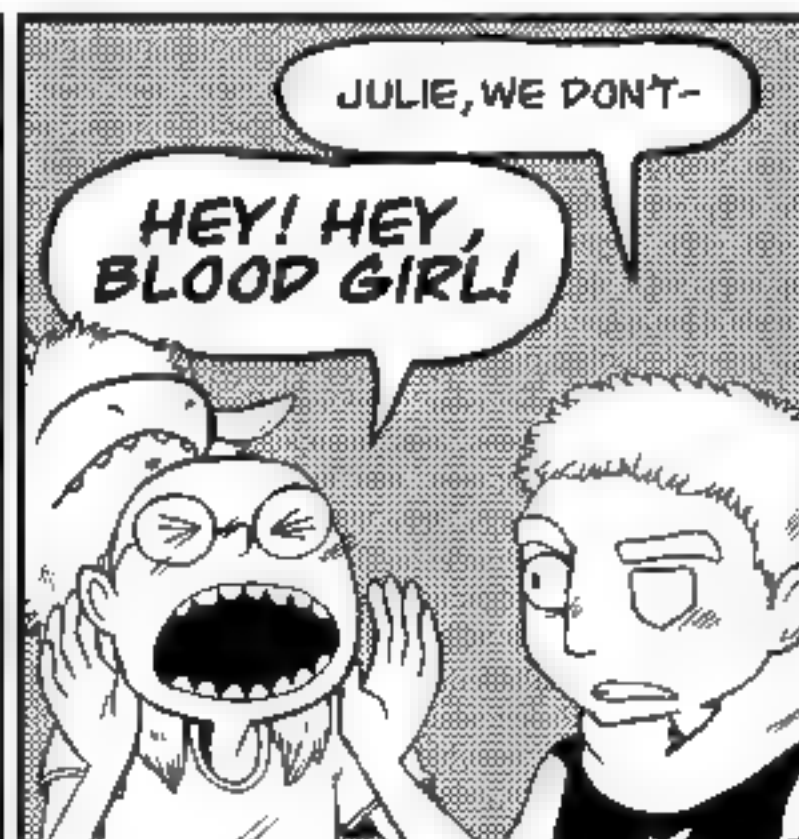


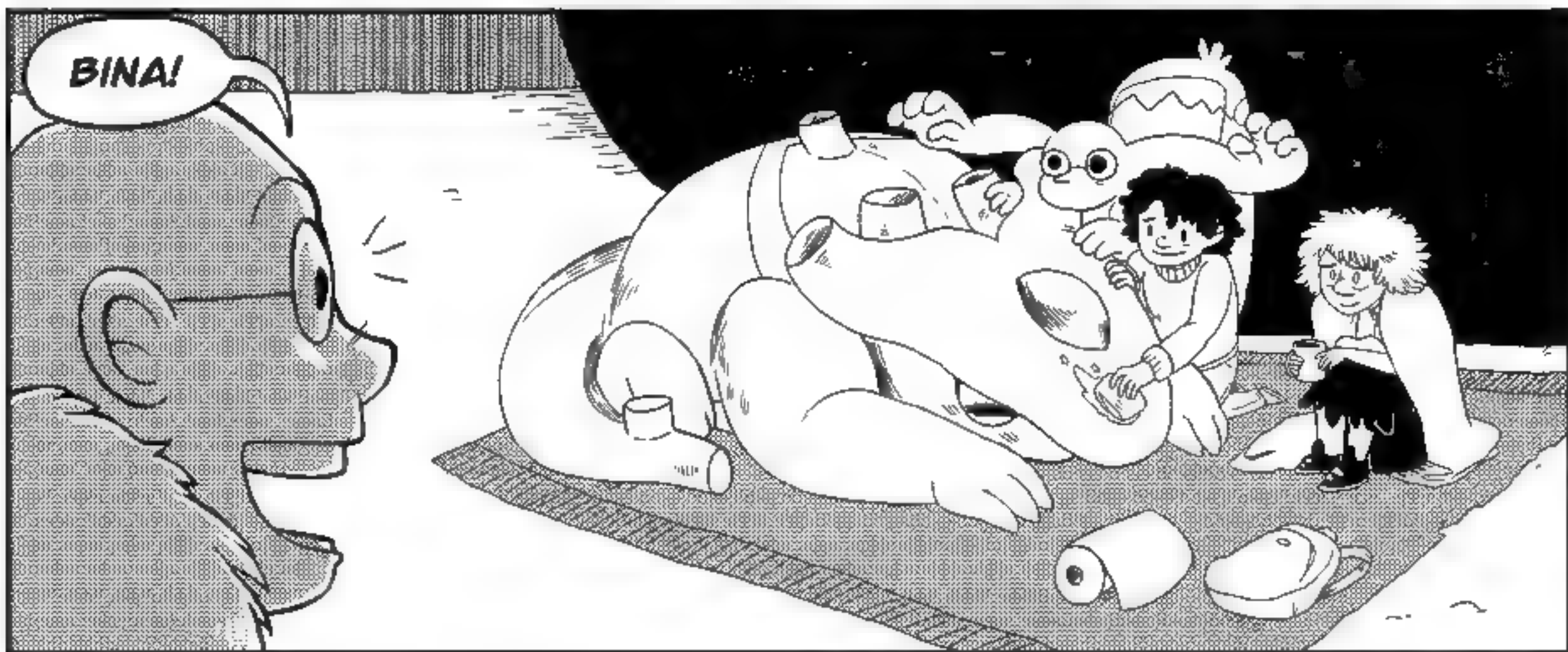
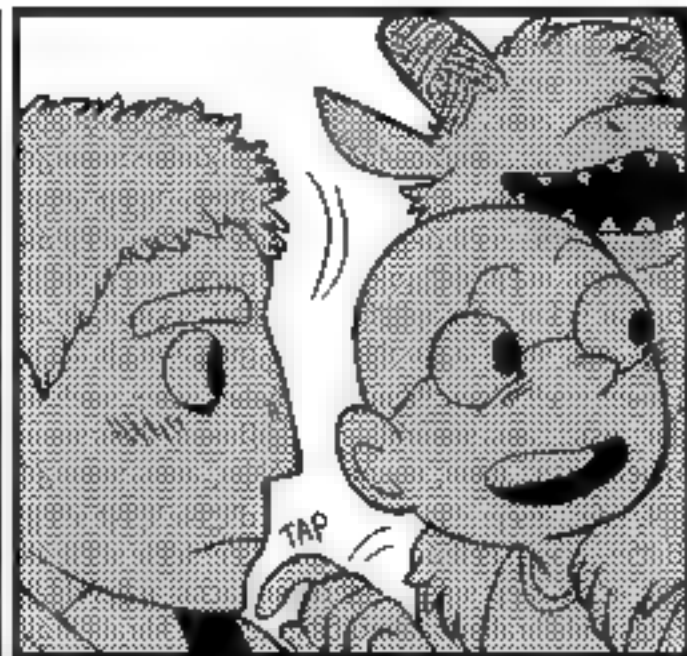
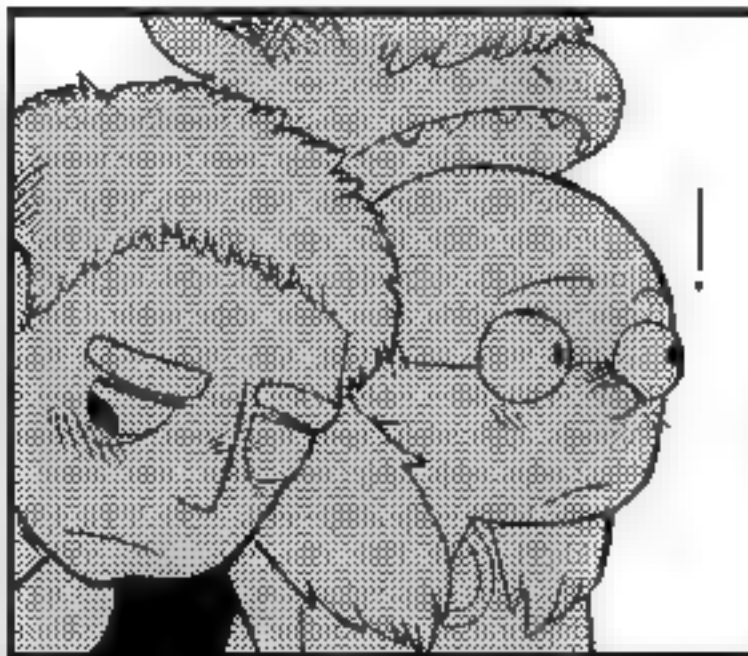
















I FOUND MY COAT, SO HERE'S YOUR SWEATER BACK.



THANKS.

I REALLY NEED TO TAKE WEST AND GULZY HOME ... THEY'RE DELIRIOUS.

GO AHEAD.



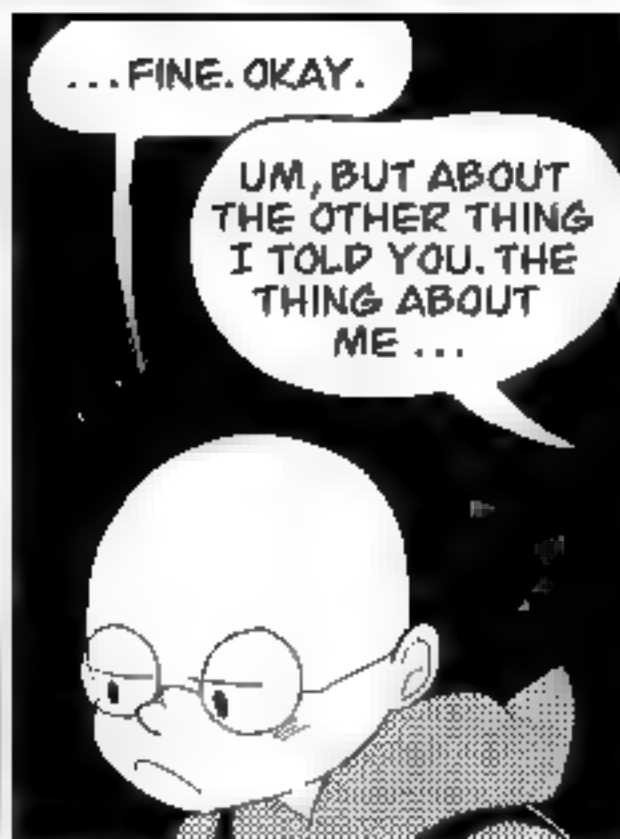
BINA'S STICKING AROUND TO WARM UP BEFORE SHE GOES HOME ...

I'LL TELL HER WHAT HAPPENED.



I'LL TELL HER THE TRUTH, DON'T WORRY.

JUST PLAIN WHAT HAPPENED AND NO SUGARCOATING. I PROMISE.



... FINE. OKAY.

UM, BUT ABOUT THE OTHER THING I TOLD YOU. THE THING ABOUT ME ...

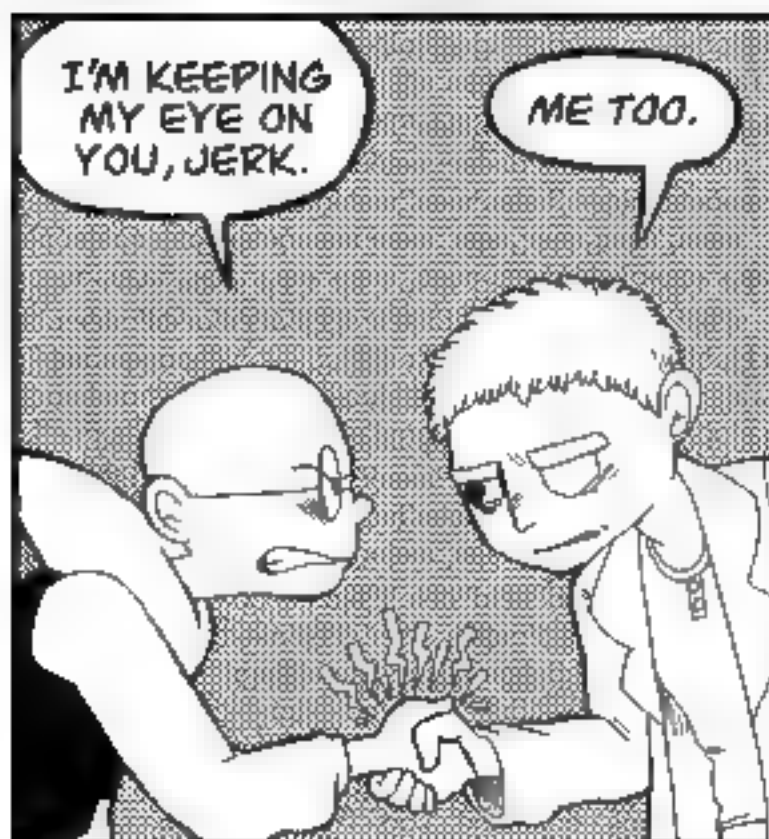


JUST... DON'T TELL BINA THAT PART, OKAY?

I WANT TO TELL HER, JUST ... I WANT TO DO IT MY OWN WAY.



PLEASE?















THANK YOU FOR  
SAVING M-

HUG



BINA! I'M SO SO SO  
GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!  
YOU'RE MY BEST  
FRIEND! I LOVE YOU!

YOU KNOW  
THAT, RIGHT?!

JULIE,  
COME ON! OF  
COURSE I DO.



AND WEST! YOU CAME!  
MAN, YOU'RE MY HERO!

OH! UH, HAHA!  
JUST HAPPY  
TO HELP!



STILL FEELING  
KINDA WOOLY THOUGH.

THAT BLOOD  
CRYSTAL THING  
WASN'T A FEVER  
DREAM, RIGHT?



UM, YIKES.  
I HOPE THAT HEAL-Y  
GOO ISN'T GONNA  
JUST MAKE AYO SICK.

WELL, WE FEEL  
MUCH BETTER  
SO FAR!



THAT BLOOD CRYSTAL  
THING... WAS MAYBE  
THE SECOND GROSSEST,  
CREEPIEST THING THAT  
EVER HAPPENED TO ME.

HA HA...



OH!

...IT'S REALLY  
GOOD TO SEE YOU.



HEY,  
BLUM.





## CHAPTER 9

### KILLER, PART TWO



# VALENTINE'S DAY POLL RESULTS!

"WHO DO YOU SHIP THE MOST?"

3RD PLACE  
WEST/JULIE  
91 VOTES



2ND PLACE  
BINA/JULIE  
115 VOTES



1ST PLACE  
BINA/ABEL  
660 VOTES

